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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR SCANNING A  
REGION USING  
CONFORMAL MAPPING

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
October 23, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 23, 2002, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Summary of Telephone Interview with Examiner

A telephone interview with the Examiner was conducted at 2:00 EST on February 13, 2003. Applicants suggested that none of the cited art teaches or suggests "scanning the region using a conformal scanning scheme", as stated in claim 1, where the term "conformal scanning scheme" is well-defined in the specification. The Examiner then suggested that more details of the scheme be included in the independent claims to clearly indicate the scope of the invention, more specifically, by added the limitations of dependent claims 2 and 4 to claim 1 (and other independent claims).

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